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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on August 1, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-12, with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement and to advance all the claims to examination.

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1. The Restriction Requirement mailed on August 1, 2005, requires Applicants to elect for examination one of Group I for Invention I, Claims 1-12, and Group II for Invention II, Claims 13-14. As stated above, Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1-12, with traverse.

2. The restriction requirement states that the inventions are distinct, each from the other, because they are related as a process/method and an apparatus for its practice. The requirement further states that the Group II method as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus without the specifics of the Group I apparatus, i.e., take-up pipe, first switch means, pump means, valve means, inline filter means, etc.

M.P.E.P. 806.05(e) states that the burden is on the Examiner to provide reasonable examples that recite material differences. In this restriction requirement, the Office Action merely states that the method can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus, e.g., one without certain limitations as recited in Claim 1. For example, the Group II method requires a step of providing an open filter pan disposed below a drain for receiving oil to be filtered, and also requires a step of providing a pump for withdrawing filtered oil from said filter pan. The restriction requirement proposes to remove the specifics of the Group I apparatus, including a take-up pipe, a first switch means, a pump means, valve means, and inline-filter means, and so on.

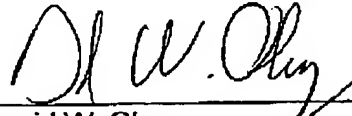
The restriction requirement, however, does not recite what the materially different apparatus would include. Additionally, many of the same limitations are recited in both Groups I and II, including a deep fat fryer, a tank with deep fat frying oil, an open filter pan, a pump and a filter. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the restriction requirement does not meet the burden of providing a reasonable example as required.

3. Because the Office Action does not provide a reasonable example of a filter system as required by M.P.E.P. 806.05(e), Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is overcome. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the restriction requirement and to advance all the claims to examination.

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